

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 and 8 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claims 2, 6-7 and 9 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Canceled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) ~~The retractable handle assembly of claim 1,~~
A retractable handle assembly for a luggage, the handle assembly including an
elongate handle unit and a handle grip on a top of the handle unit, the handle grip
having a push button, the handle unit comprising:

5 a sliding tube connected to the handle grip;
 a support tube fixed at a bottom of the luggage, the sliding tube being slidably
 disposed in the support tube;

a locking device in a lower portion of the sliding tube;
 a connecting rod interconnecting the push button and the locking device; and
10 a buffer device within a lower portion of the sliding tube;

wherein the handle grip is gradually and damply extendible from a top of the
luggage a predetermined distance by pressing the push button in a pulling operation
of the handle assembly, wherein the buffer means device comprises an upper
15 plunger, a spring anchored in the plunger, a piston rod inserted in the spring, a
 sealing ring anchored on a top of the piston rod, a lower n-shaped bifurcation urged
 against a bottom of the spring, and a pin hingedly coupled a top of the n-shaped
 bifurcation and a bottom of the piston rod together.

Claim 3. (Original) The retractable handle assembly of claim 2, wherein the plunger comprises an upper body, a vent hole on a top of the upper body, a pair of lower arms, and a hole at a lower portion of either arm.

Claim 4. (Original) The retractable handle assembly of claim 2, wherein the piston rod comprises an upper neck, an intermediate body, and a bottom tunnel.

Claim 5. (Original) The retractable handle assembly of claim 2, wherein the n-shaped bifurcation comprises two legs and two spaced top cylindrical members each having a tunnel.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) The retractable handle assembly of claim 4, 2, wherein the sliding tube comprises two upper holes for permitting a fastener to insert through to secure to the luggage, two intermediate locking apertures, and two opposite lower holes.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) The retractable handle assembly of claim 4, 2, wherein the support tube comprises an upper locking aperture, an intermediate locking aperture, and a lower hole.

Claim 8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) ~~The retractable handle assembly of claim 8;~~
A retractable handle assembly for a luggage, the handle assembly including a pair of elongate substantially parallel handle units and a handle grip interconnected the handle units, the handle grip having a push button, either of the handle units comprising:

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a sliding tube connected to one end of the handle grip;

a support tube fixed at a bottom of the luggage, the sliding tube being slidably disposed in the support tube;

a locking device in a lower portion of the sliding tube;

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a connecting rod interconnecting the push button and the locking device; and

a buffer device within a lower portion of the sliding tube;

wherein the handle grip is gradually and damply extendible from a top of the luggage a predetermined distance by pressing the push button in a pulling operation of the handle assembly, wherein the buffer means device comprises an upper

- 15 plunger, a spring anchored in the plunger, a piston rod inserted in the spring, a sealing ring anchored on a top of the piston rod, a lower n-shaped bifurcation urged against a bottom of the spring, and a pin hingedly coupled a top of the n-shaped bifurcation and a bottom of the piston rod together.

Claim 10. (Original) The retractable handle assembly of claim 9, wherein the plunger comprises an upper body, a vent hole on a top of the upper body, a pair of lower arms, and a hole at a lower portion of either arm.

Claim 11. (Original) The retractable handle assembly of claim 9, wherein the piston rod comprises an upper neck, an intermediate body, and a bottom tunnel.

Claim 12. (Original) The retractable handle assembly of claim 9, wherein the n-shaped bifurcation comprises two legs and two spaced top cylindrical members each having a tunnel.